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**Title:** DATA READ/WRITE CONTROLLING METHOD, DISK ARRAY  
APPARATUS, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING DATA  
READ/WRITE CONTROLLING PROGRAM

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.

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